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## JO JO AIR SPRINGS 14-1 UPSET IN WILLIAM WALKER

**LOUISVILLE, KY (Saturday, April 27, 2019) – Andrew Farm and Mrs. Charlie O'Connor's Jo Jo Air** dueled 1-9 favorite **Bulletin** into submission and then held off a late charge from **Uncapped** by three-quarters of a length to win the fifth running of the \$125,000 William Walker for 3-year-olds before a crowd of 22,012 on the opening night of Churchill Downs' 38-day Spring Meet.

Trained by **Wesley Ward** and ridden by **John Velazquez**, Jo Jo Air covered the five furlongs on a firm Matt Winn Turf Course in :58.86.

Bulletin, who was undefeated in three starts including a score in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf here last fall, was first out of the gate but was quickly joined on the front end by Jo Jo Air. The two hit the top of the lane together with Jo Jo Air taking control at mid-stretch.

The victory was worth \$75,950 to the Kentucky-bred daughter of Scat Daddy out of the Grand Slam mare Tessie Flip and improved her earnings to \$106,621 with a record of 5-2-0-0.

Jo Jo Air returned \$30.40, \$8.80 and \$10. **Uncapped**, ridden by **James Graham**, returned \$9.80 and \$7.40 with **Legends of War** finishing another three-quarters of a length back in third under **Adam Beschizza** and paying \$13 to show.

Bulletin was another head back in fourth and followed in order by **Neverland Rock (GB)**, **Sovereign Impact** and **Hartel**.

Racing resumes Tuesday with a nine-race program that begins at 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern). Highlighting the program is the inaugural running of the mile and a half \$115,000 Champions Day Marathon Overnight Stakes Presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance that goes as the seventh race with a 3:50 post time.

## WILLIAM WALKER QUOTES

**John Velazquez (jockey, Jo Jo Air, winner) –** “We sort of sat the perfect trip all the way around there. Turning to the three-eighths pole, I started to make my move and she really dug in and responded gamely. It was a good kickoff to Derby Week.”

**Brendan Walsh (trainer, Uncapped, second) –** “I’m really proud of our effort. I think with a better break we could have won the race.”

**Javier Castellano (jockey, Bulletin, 1-9 favorite, fourth) –** “He was sort of flat the entire way around there. Maybe he ran back too quickly.”

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